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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

CAMERON et al.

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Appln. No.: 09/889,409

Filed: July 17, 2001

FOR: USE OF 3-HYDROXY-3-METHYLGLUTARYL COENZYME A REDUCTASE
INHIBITORS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT FOR THE
TREATMENT OF DIABETIC NEUROPATHY

Date: February 22, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to taking up the subject application for a first action on the merits, please amend
this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21, without prejudice or abandonment of the subject matter
thereof, and add the following new claims:

22. (New) A method for treating diabetic neuropathy in a warm blooded animal in
need thereof comprising administering to said animal a treatment-effective amount of the
statin drug (E)-7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]
pyrimidin-5-yl] (3R,5S)-3,5-dihydroxyhept-6-enoic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable
salt thereof.

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